

CTAC RESOLUTION #21-06

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR (SFECC) STUDY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND ITS AFFILIATED REGIONAL AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have established the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) to advise it on transportation related matters, and

WHEREAS, highway capacity expansion will only increase by one-third of the expected fifty percent increase in Southeast Florida population by the year 2030, which will lead to dramatic worsening of congestion levels and travel times, and a critical need to develop adequate transit services to provide for the mobility needs of Southeast Florida residents, and

WHEREAS, the Eastward Ho! public policy initiative, developed by the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida and the Florida Department of Community Affairs, provides guidance and strategies for improving quality of life and managing growth in Southeast Florida including the redevelopment of eastern Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach Counties to preserve natural resources and reduce the detrimental effects of suburban sprawl development, and

WHEREAS, in 1997/98, cities and counties in the Southeast Florida region began to meet on a continuing basis to approve resolutions asking state and federal transportation agencies to negotiate with the Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. for inclusion of passenger service within their corridor; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, a collaboration of freight operators and the FDOT completed the "Rail Rationalization Study" and recommended long term planning for both the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) and the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) Corridors, including double tracking of the SFRC and the concurrent, public investment in the FEC corridor, and to consider implementation of passenger service within the FEC Corridor, and

WHEREAS, the FDOT and its affiliated regional offices are required to expand and enhance rail systems in Florida to respond to statewide mobility needs, and

WHEREAS, the FEC Corridor right-of-way represents an important and strategic transportation corridor that provides vital freight and transportation rail services to and from South Florida, and

WHEREAS, the trend in economic growth along the FEC is only beginning, resulting in the building of compact residential and commercial development, including tens of thousands of new residents and hundreds of thousands of square feet of office space within walking distance of the corridor, and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's 2003 strategic plan, entitled "South Florida Transit Analysis" outlines transit corridor expansion alternatives including the FEC corridor, and

WHEREAS, an integrated, complementary system of transit services is needed to provide for various existing and future travel markets including long-distance travel served by the Tri-Rail Commuter Rail System, moderate-distance travel served by transit in the densely developed eastern FEC corridor, and local circulation in the urban centers by local circulator services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:

SECTION 1: That CTAC supports the continuation of the SFECC Study, being conducted by the FDOT and its affiliated regional and county transportation agencies, to determine the feasibility of providing passenger service along the corridor.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Frank Hernandez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Naomi Wright, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rolando Acosta	- Nay	Marlon L. Kelly, Sr.	- Aye
James L. Bledsoe	- Aye	Mario Martinez-Malo	- Aye
Andrew Burgess	- Absent	Carline Paul	- Absent
Claudius A. Carnegie	- Aye	Emma Pringle	- Nay
Wendy Carr	- Absent	Ramon Ramos	- Aye
Michael Dunn	- Aye	David Reiter	- Aye
Jose Enriquez	- Absent	Mario Rojas	- Absent
Daniel Fils-Aime	- Aye	Paul Schwiep	- Absent
Alan B. Fishman	- Aye	Bonnie Sterling	- Aye
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.	- Nay	Lee Swerdlin	- Absent
Mac Glasgow	- Absent	Barbara Walters	- Aye
Malou Harrison	- Absent	Naomi Wright	- Aye
Frank Hernandez	- Aye	Andrea Young	- Aye
Ramon Irigoyen	- Aye	Frank Zeinali	- Absent

Chairperson Norman Wartman - Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 18th day of October 2006.

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

By


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